

<b>DISPATCH</b>		<b>SECRET</b>	Ref: 25922 C-101
<b>TO</b>	Chief, FE		PP: Werner SARGENT
<b>FROM</b>	Chief of Case, Bonn		18 June 63
<b>SUBJECT</b>	ALICAP CAVEHAE LCHETNOVE Investigation of Werner SARGENT (201-		RE "C-5" - CHECK "T" ONE
<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	FBI		MARKED FOR INDEXING
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REF: KONA 25395, 15 Mar 63			

1. On 12 June 1962 WEINER informed us that the BRV, apparently due to pressure from Willi WEYER (see reference), interrogated SARGENT regarding his contact with members of the Soviet Embassy. (WEINER also discussed the case with TAMELIN a few days prior to our visit with WEYER.) The interrogation was conducted by WEYER and a representative of the LPV/BRV. SARGENT steadfastly denied any clandestine relationship with the Soviets and insisted his contacts were purely social ones. He tried to pass these contacts off as infrequent and casual until forced to admit regular meetings with SHERBAKOV's predecessor, SHERBAKOV, and finally DUTRIEV. From WEYER's account of the interrogation it appears Subject would only admit to as much as became evident that the BRV knew. The one major point in Subject's favor appears to be his argument that if his contacts with the Soviets had in any manner been clandestine, he certainly would not have met with them regularly at the mess restaurant in Dusseldorf which was a favorite meeting place of fellow PDs. WEYER claims the BRV checked and found this to be true. Subject freely discussed his Soviet POW status until 1949 (which was known to the BRV) and also volunteered that his last 9 months were actually spent in an NKVD (sic) prison (not known previously to the BRV). Subject flatly denied that he had ever agreed, or had even been asked, to be either an informant or agent during this period.

2. Subject also told WEYER that he knew his phone was being tapped and related the flap covered in reference dispatch. WEYER, apparently with some occasion, asked if he thought the Soviets were doing it. (The tap has since been discontinued.)

3. The BRV is still not satisfied with Subject's explanations and intends to reinterview Subject again very soon with the assistance of an FBI functionary.

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